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There is also a new novel by Cyril Hume, entitled Cruel Fellowship (Doran, \$2.50), the author of which made quite a popular success with his The Wife of the Centaur. This may conceivably not prove acceptable to all librarians.

The fourth (and last) volume of Ladislas Reymont's The Peasants, entitled Summer (Knopf, \$2.50) is published.

Something new in the way of fiction-compilations appears in The Best Love-Stories of 1924, compiled by Muriel M. Humphrey (Small-Maynard, \$2).

The outstanding biography-book is doubtless Brigham Young, by Morris R. Werner (Harcourt-Brace, \$5) which is largely the story of Mormonism and the growth of the extraordinary city-state on the shores of Great Salt Lake. Other interesting biographies include Eleanora Duse, by Jeanne Bordeux (Doran, \$6), the author of which was an intimate friend of the great Italian actress; J. Ramsay MacDonald, by 'Iconoclast' (Seltzer, \$2), a brief critical survey of MacDonald's work as Prime Minister and of the circumstances leading up to his election (it was published in England as The Man of Tomorrow); Remembrance of Things Past, by John Raymond Howard (Crowell, \$3.25), subtitled 'A familiar chronicle of kinsfolk and friends worth while,' the author of which is an American publisher and editor; and From a Pitman's Note-Book, by Roger Dataller (Dial Press, \$2.50), which is the diary of a human mole, the son of generations of miners.

Only three new travel-books can be mentioned. Fresh Tracks in the Belgian Congo, by Hermann Norden (916.7, Small-Maynard, \$5) takes the reader from the Uganda Border to the mouth of the Congo. The Vanishing Tribes of Kenya, by G. S. O. Browne (916.7, Lippincott, \$5), deals with the manners and customs of the primitive tribes inhabiting the southern slopes of Mount Kenya (East Africa). A Modern Pilgrimage to Palestine, by L. B. Pemberton (915.6, Dorrance, \$3), is a typical illustrated record of fravel-experiences.

In History and Sociology there are Austria in

Dissolution, by Count Stephen Burian (943.6, Doran, \$6), being the personal recollections of the Austro-Hungarian Minister for Foreign Affairs, 1915-17, and 1918; The Essential American Tradition, by Jesse Bennett (353, Doran \$3), a compilation of striking and significant passages from Federal documents and utterances of leading American statesmen; The Menace of Color, by J. W. Gregory (325, Lippincott, \$4.50), a study of the difficulties arising from the association of white and colored races, especially in tropical colonies; and The Military Side of Japanese Life, by M. D. Kennedy (355, Houghton-Mifflin, \$5), in which a British officer attached to the Japanese Army makes a study of it, and reviews its influence, past and present.

Three contributions to literary criticism are offered in Milton, Man and Thinker, by Denis Saurat (821.7, Dial Press, \$4), a study by a French scholar, written in English; Edmund Spenser, by W. L. Renwick (821.7, Longmans-Green, \$3.75), which is in effect an essay on Renaissance poetry; and The Comic Spirit in Restoration Comedy, by Henry Ten Eyck Perry (822, Yale Univ. Pr., \$2), in which a University of Wisconsin professor discusses Etherege, Wycherley, Congreve, Van Brugh, and Farquhar.

In Drama we have Israel Zangwill's Too Much Money (822, Macmillan, \$1.50), a farcical comedy, in three acts, centering about an extravagant wife; and Contemporary Plays, compiled by Thomas H. Dickinson and Jack R. Crawford (802.2, Houghton-Mifflin, \$3.50), containing sixteen British and American plays, from 1900 to 1923.

Don Marquis' The Awakening, and Other Poems (811, Doubleday-Page, \$2) is the author's own selection of what he considers best among his serious verse.

Miscellaneous titles include Here Comes the Bride, and so forth, by Irvin Cobb (817, Doran, \$2), in which the popular humorist discourses on weddings, ancestors, travel, holidays, and other phases of our national life; Oh, Mr. Leacock, by Carleton Kemp Allen (827, Dodd-Mead, \$1), a short burlesque of the Canadian humorist; Fightin' Through, by Nellie Revell (613, Doran, \$1.50), telling of this newspaper-woman's successful fight to regain her health, and forming a sort of sequel to her 'Right Off the Chest' (Biography, Doran, \$2.50); and Colds, by Russell L. Cecil (613, Appleton, \$1), acquainting the layman with the cause, treatment, and prevention of this common ailment.

Other new books on subjects already more or less well covered, include Stranger Than Fiction, by Lewis Browne (296, Macmillan, \$2.50), a short history of the Jews, from earliest times; Baseball, How to Play It, by Stanley Harris (797, Stokes, \$1); and Camera-Lenses, by Arthur Lockett (771, Pitman, 75c.), a manual for amateurs and professionals.

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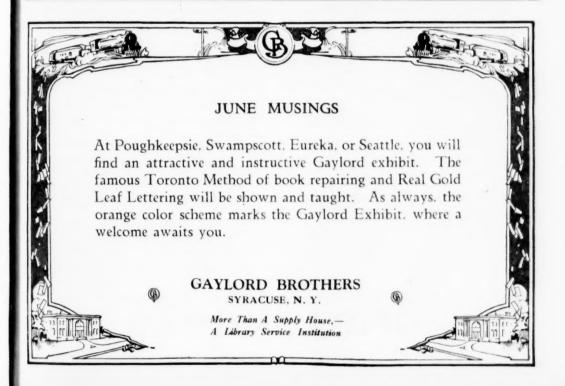
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## British Columbia's Libraries

By HERBERT KILLAM

Secretary of the British Columbia Library Commission, Victoria

THEN a party of the Royal Engineers sailed from Southampton in 1858 for British Columbia, they carried with them a library which had been selected by Lord Lytton, the Colonial Secretary. The Hudson's Bay and North-West fur companies had provided libraries for their employees; but the collection of books brought by the Royal Engineers to Queensborough, afterwards New Westminster, was the first in the Province for general use. When the gold rush to the Cariboo district was at its height, there were libraries of books and periodicals in several settlements. These were supported in part by the Government, in part by local contributions. The great expense and labour involved in transporting material to that out-of-the-way country did not deter those who believed in the value of libraries.

The library at New Westminster became a free public library in 1889; Victoria formed its library in 1902; Vancouver in 1903. From that time until the passing of the Public Libraries Act in 1919, no public libraries were established. Since that date, three of the smaller cities have organized libraries under the terms of the Act.

In order to understand the apparent apathy of the people of the Province regarding library matters, it is necessary to consider the physical and financial conditions of the country. British Columbia has an area of 353,400 square miles. Much of it is mountainous, and only a small part has adequate transportation facilities. About one-tenth of the land is fit for agricultural development. The chief industries are mining, lumbering, fishing, and agriculture. In 1871, when the Province entered the Dominion of Canada, the white population numbered only nine thousand. In the decade between 1911 and 1921, the population increased from 392,500 to 524,500. About one-half of the people are gathered in a small area in the south-western corner of the Province, the density of the population in the rest of the Province being one person to one and a half square miles. When the population was increasing rapidly, material considerations occupied men's minds to the almost complete exclusion of other things. When the rush ended, and it was possible to think of such things as libraries, money became scarce. Altho the school system expanded to meet the needs of the people, libraries were not provided. Since the beginning of the Great War in 1914, financial conditions have been such that it would have been unfair to expect much library development. Taxation is very high and money is too scarce to permit of expenditure for other than necessities. Libraries are not yet considered by many of the people as being anything but luxuries.

The Public Libraries Act of 1919, based on the Ontario Public Libraries Act, is comprehensive and workable. It provides for a Public Library Commission, the operation of travelling libraries, the establishment of public libraries and public library associations, library extension work, and grants in aid of libraries. is no provision for county libraries, for the Province has no counties, and no subdivisions that can be used as county library units. Travelling libraries were first sent out in 1898, the stock of the Provincial Library being drawn on for material. They are still in successful operation, tho many of the demands on the department must be refused because of lack of funds. Since the passing of the Act, twenty public library associations have been established; and it is hoped that with the coming of better times, most of these will be changed into public libraries.

The Provincial Library, brought into existence by a legislative grant in 1863, and established by law in 1894, has about 80,000 volumes. It is almost entirely a reference library for government departments and the public. The collection of North-West Americana is widely known among students. The Archives

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branch was established in 1910; and in 1919 the Legislative Reference section was formed, to give information to government departments, public bodies, and individuals.

The University of British Columbia opened its doors in 1915; and until the present time, its library has gallantly striven to carry on its work under almost prohibitive difficulties. In the autumn of this year the university will move into its new buildings, and the library of 55,000 volumes will be able to function properly.

There has been no organized movement toward a system of school libraries. The government makes a small grant each year in aid of such libraries, to supplement the sums raised by local school boards. The Department of Education has adopted and distributed a "Catalogue of books suitable for pupils of Grades I.- IX.," compiled by a committee appointed by the British Columbia Library Association.

Extension work is being carried on by the Provincial Library, the University library, the Public Library Commission, and all the public libraries. In this phase of library work, as in all other phases of it in this Province, the opportunity is boundless, but lack of funds prevents any great expansion.

This account of the library situation in British Columbia is necessarily short, for the amount of library work accomplished, when compared with the achievements of other States and Provinces, is small. There is no doubt, however, that with an increase in population and an improvement in financial conditions, libraries will receive wider support, new libraries will be established and this Province will be able to rank with others which are now far ahead of it.

## Preliminary Guides to Economic Sources

By Henry Harap, Cleveland School of Education, and Eunice Miller, Economics Division.

New York Public Library

THIS paper is designed to help the student of economics to find source material without taking the time of the librarian for long explanations. It is a discussion of the preliminary guides to economic information familiar to the reference librarian but entirely foreign to the uninitiated student. The list includes indexes to books; indexes to periodicals; comprehensive source books; and directories of agencies furnishing economic information.

After the student has determined the objectives of his research, his next step is to collect all the material which is likely to have a hearing upon his problem. It is at this point that the student should consult in turn all the primary guides to sources of information which are here listed and described.

The inexperienced student or investigator who is too timid to ask a good librarian works at random to look for the information he needs. Sometimes he makes a long search without discovering the most useful data relating to his problem. At other times, after much wasteful effort, he accidentally comes upon a bibliography which directs him to the appropriate material. In order to eliminate waste and to improve the quality of investigations the student should become familiar with several primary guides to economic material. For example, a student wishing to ascertain data on wheat marketing in 1923 should have a guide which will lead him directly to the Agricultural Index which lists all publications pertaining to farm products. A furniture salesman interested in

general market facts concerning the furniture industry should save time by turning directly to Crain's "Market Data Book and Directory." The labor official who wants the rates of wages in a given year, let us say 1922, should be able to turn immediately to an index which will direct him to the bulletins of the United States Bureau of Labor.

The student should become aware of the enormous amount of research which is constantly going on. He should learn to make an initial canvass of the latest available sources that his results may be complete, authoritative, and up-to-date. A student trained in the simple technique of consulting the principal guides to sources of information should have no difficulty in locating material for serious studies in the field of economics.

Agricultural index; subject index to a selected list of agricultural periodicals, books and bulletins. Annual cumulation. No. 1-8 (1916-23). New York: H. W. Wilson, 1917-24. 4°.

A student working on a problem in any way related to agriculture should consult this index, which lists data published in magazines and in government and state publications. The index is published monthly, ten times a year, with current cumulations and in annual and triennial volumes.

American labor yearbook. v. 1-6 (1916-1925).
New York: Rand School of Social Science, 1916-25. 12°, 1917-18 - 1923-4 biennial; now annual.

This book reports the most important events of the year in the field of labor. It contains information on industrial conditions, labor disputes, labor ONTH

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legislation, labor banking, trade unionism, etc. The table of contents and the index are complete subiect lists.

Crain's market data book and directory of class, trade and technical publications. 1.4 (1921-24). Chicago: G. D. Crain, 1920-

This annual volume contains a summary of the most important recent statistical facts concerning each industry. In connection with each industry it lists the trade journals published. The use of annual indexes of the trade journals is often a more certain way of finding facts. It is necessary, however, to look thru the indexes of the journals separately for as many years as the student thinks necessary.

Cumulative Book Index. See United States

Catalog described below.

Industrial Arts Index. Subject index to a selected list of engineering, trade and business periodicals, books and pamphlets, with a list of important technical societies. Annual cumulation. No. 1-12 (1913-24). New York: H. W. Wilson, 1914-24. 4°.

Current cumulations monthly, except January, August, October and December. Cumulated vol-

umes, 1918-19, 1920-21, 1922-23.

Under appropriate subject headings the student will find references to a wide range of magazine articles relating to business, technology, and economic problems. It is particularly ueful in calling attention to reference information in trade papers frequently unavailable in any other form. It includes among other economic periodicals The Annals of the American Academy, The Journal of the American Statistical Association, The Federal Reserve Bulletin, and the Survey of Current Business.

Mudge, I. G. New guide to reference books. Chicago: American Library Association,

1923. 278 p. 4°.

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This book, written primarily for librarians, particularly applicable to students' problems involving the use of the library. By consulting the table of contents under appropriate titles the student will find general references which will help him to make headway with his problem. Economic sources of headway with his problem. information are listed especially in the chapters on Social Sciences and Government Documents. Here will be found fuller description of many of the references in this list.

New York University. Bureau of Business Research. Source book of research data. A list of reliable current sources of statistics of quantity and price for important commodities. New York: Prentice-Hall, 1923. 70

leaves, multigraphed. 4°.

This book lists sources of data on quantity of production and price of the most important com-modities, for the United States. The sources are arranged alphabetically by commodities. It also includes an index to the chief agencies publishing business data and the more important publications on business research.

Palgrave, Sir R. H. I., ed. Dictionary of Political economy. London: Macmillan, 1918-23.

3 v. 8°.

First published in 1894, since reprinted with additions and corrections, but without thorough revision. 1923 issue of v. 2 edited by Henry Higgs.

Authoritative articles on economic history, theory and terms, and on prominent economists, with excellent bibliographical reerences.

Public Affairs Information Service. A cooperative clearing house of public affairs information. Annual cumulation no. 1-10 (1915-24). New York: Public Affairs Information Service, 1915-24. 4°.

Weekly, with bi-monthly cumulations, Annual volume ends with September.

This is an index to books, pamphlets, magazine articles, trade and association proceedings, and government documents on public affairs, with special emphasis on economic and statistical information. Session laws in English are indexed, together with English translations of foreign laws, and other foreign material in the English language. The publications are listed under subject headings, the range of headings being very comprehensive.

Readers' guide to periodical literature. Author and subject index to a selected list of periodicals. Annual cumulation no. 1-23 (1901-23). New York: H. W. Wilson, 1901-23. 4°.

Monthly, with current cumulations, the December issue containing annual cumulation for the previous Also has 5 cumulated volumes, 1900-4vear.

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This is an index to articles published in general periodicals, including the American Economic Re-view, the Journal of Political Economy, and the Quarterly Journal of Economics. The student will occasionally find here material not listed in special indexes of economic subjects.

Handbook of Special Libraries Association. commercial information services. Washington: Special Libraries Association, 1924.

97 p. 12°.

Commercial, association, government and periodi-

cal services, with subject index.

There are in the United States many organizations engaged in furnishing information on special sub-jects. Frequently the student may get help on his problem by writing directly to the agency or by consulting its publications. The Handbook lists the agencies by name. It gives an index by subject and indicates the organization likely to furnish information on the subject.

Special Libraries Association. Special libraries directory. 2. ed. Washington: Special Libraries Association, 1925. 254 p. 8°.

Classified list of libraries, with notes on scope, purpose, special collections, and containing subject index.

U. S. Commerce Department. Survey of current business. Monthly. No. 1-40 (Aug. 1921-Dec., 1924). Washington: Govt. Prtg. Off., 1921-24. 4°.

Digest of current statistical information, with notes of sources. Frequently fuller and more recent than the figures in the Statistical Abstract or the Commerce Yearbook and includes figures from generally accepted non-government sources, some of which are not printed elsewhere. In many cases contains both actual figures and index numbers.

S. Documents Office. Monthly catalog of United States public documents. No. 271-354 (July 1917-1924). Washington: Govt.

Prtg. Off., 1917-1924. 8°.

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Annual index, covering year July-June. Answers such questions as: How far back does a given series of publications go? Was it interrupted in a given year? Has the publication changed its form or been transferred from one office to another? Preceded by Catalogue of public documents.

U. S. Efficiency Bureau. Report on the statistical work of the United States government. Washington: Govt. Prtg. Off., 1922. 405 p. 8°. Detailed description of publications, arranged by department, with subject index.

On p. 359-375 there is a guide to original sources of government statistics. After each subject is given the name of the government agency most likely to furnish data upon it. The student may then consult the publications or write directly to the appropriate government department. For example, one interested in foreign exchange rates is directed to the Federal Reserve Board for information.

U. S. Foreign and Domestic Commerce Bureau. Commerce yearbook. No. 1-2 (1922-23). Washington: Govt. Prtg. Off., 1923-24. 8°.

This book is an annual survey of the most important economic developments. It contains the outstanding facts of trade. There is a full table of contents and index. In connection with each table the exact source is given.

U. S. Foreign and Domestic Commerce Bureau. Statistical abstract of the United States. No. 1-46 (1878-1923). Washington: Govt. Prtg. Off., 1879-1924. 8°.

In earlier years published by the Statistical Bureau, Treasury Department (1878-1902), and Commerce and Labor Department (1903-12).

The Statistical Abstract of the United States is a direct source of quantitative data on population, agriculture, manufacture, mines, occupations, labor, wages, transportation, shipping, foreign commerce, prices, money, banking, insurance, public finance, and national wealth. In connection with each table the specific governmental source is given, thus serving as a guide to further information. For instance, a student interested in the number of miles of road maintained by a given state discovers that he can find further data by consulting the publications of the Bureau of Public Roads, Department of Agriculture.

U. S. Library of Congress. Documents Division. Monthly list of state publications. V. 1-15. (1910-24). Washington, Govt. Prtg. Off., 1910-24. 8°.

Occasionally incomplete because some publication has not been received by the Library of Congress, but in general a reliable guide to what is being published. Answers questions as to what bureau in a given state handles a given field, whether the annual reports of a given state department are up to date, what such essentially state organizations as prison commissions are publishing. Annual index covering calendar year.

U. S. Labor Statistics Bureau. Monthly Labor review. v. 1-18 (1915-24). Washington: Govt. Prtg. Off., 1915-24, 8°.

Many bibliographical references, and abstracts of articles and reports in the field of labor. Valuable series of statistics of prices, wages, hours of labor, cost of living.

Cumulative index, 1915-20, 1923, 176p,

United States catalog. Books in print January 1, 1912. 3 ed. New York: H. W. Wil-

son Co., 1912. 2837 p. f°. Supplement 3 volumes: Books published 1912-17; 1918. June, 1921; July, 1921-June, 1924.

This is an index to books and pamphlets published in the United States. It enables the student to verify or to ascertain the author, title, publisher and price of a book, or a list of the books published on a given subject. The authors, titles, and subjects are arranged in one alphabet. There is a monthly supplement entitled Cumulative Book Index. Vorld Almanac and Book of Facts. No. 1-40 (1868-1925). New York: New York World

1868-1925. 8°.

This book contains much statistical material which is fairly reliable and up-to-date. Since the sources of the statistics are frequently given it is possible to go to the original sources for fuller data.

#### Your Own Book Club

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## As Others See Us

By FRED TELFORD'

NE of the first tasks of the Committee on the Classification of Library Personnel was to find out, thru the gathering and analysis of first hand information. the principal facts with regard to the personnel of a considerable number of public, university, college, normal school, and high school libraries, To this end a carefully selected list of libraries, preponderantly made up of those known or believed to be well administered but including also some of the other type, was prepared. Those in charge of these libraries were asked to furnish very detailed information about each position in the organization, about each person holding a position, and about the functions, work, and finances of the organization itself. Some one hundred and forty libraries, including about six thousand positions, furnished the Committee with the detailed information asked

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The willingness thus manifested to co-operate in a study whose ends they hardly understood and of whose efficacy they were doubtful is to me perhaps the most outstanding trait of the people composing the library profession. It is no mean task in any library to stop the regular work long enough to study, distribute, fill out, collect, check, and verify a detailed questionnaire for every position in the organization, particularly when some of the questions seem to the staff and library head unnecessary, when a few of a personal nature border on the offensive, and when practically all require a good deal of work on the part of somebody. The fact that one hundred and forty different libraries were willing to do their part in this study is in itself conclusive proof of a degree of co-operativeness which in my experience is without precedent.

The study has proved with equal conclusiveness that the library profession can properly lay claim to being a part of the intellectual "salt of the earth." In addition to supplying the information asked for, several libraries willingly at the request of the Committee gave all or parts of their staffs the army alpha intelligence tests. Enough work of this type was done to take the question of the absolute and relative intelligence of the library profession forever out of the field of opinion. Intellectually library workers are a highly selected group; they are on a par in intelligence with the student bodies in the very

best universities and colleges, they excel the students in normal schools, and they make a very favorable showing as compared with those in other highly selected professions, such as law, medicine, and engineering.

The study shows, too, that library workers not only have high abstract intelligence of the kind which is inherited but that they have improved their educational opportunities. Very few were found with less than a high school education and the so-called "average" library worker is likely to have all or most of a college course, including or supplemented by technical library training in a library school. The proportion of those doing professional library work who have had a full professional library course is probably not quite as high as in some of the other professions, such as medicine or engineering, but the general level of education among those doing sub-professional work appears to be higher than in other professions.

It will be no surprise to library workers to know that the study made by the Committee shows that those who enter upon professional library work "stick to their guns." Marriages, deaths, and the lure of higher compensation in other kinds of work cause a very noticeable mortality, to be sure, but the average and median figures showing the experience of those doing professional library work is reassuringly high. The library profession is not likely to be a stepping stone to something else.

Despite the high inborn intellectual ability, the propensity to get a good and complete education, and the habit of sticking to the chosen library career, library workers as a group have not been able to convince the world that they are entitled to the compensation which customarily goes with these attainments. In some cases, both at the bottom, in the middle, and at the top, library workers are paid salaries commensurate with the services they render to society as well as with their qualifications. On the whole, however, there can be no doubt that it is a "sweated" profession as far as monetary rewards are concerned. Beginning salaries, maximum salaries, average salaries, and median salaries all show that the world, deliberately or unwittingly, has taken advantage of the fact that those in the library profession are mainly women, that the work is eminently respectable, and that those engaged in it can be led to believe that they are properly rewarded when their return comes in the consciousness of work well done rather than in the form of filthy lucre.

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## The Iowa State College Library

THE Iowa State College Library, which is to be dedicated in the fall, presents one or two features which may be of interest to librarians in general.

The building consists of two wings connected by a wide corridor and in its arrangement corresponds to what has sometimes been called the "H" type. The main entrance is in the center of one of the wings of the "H." The stacks, in general, are in the rear wing. The

reading rooms are in the front wing, the service rooms, such as delivery room and cloak rooms, being in the connecting corridor.

The building rests on steel and concrete and is faced with Bedford Stone. This construction and arrangement make possible easy enlargement in the future. The building can be changed into the hollow square type by wings along the sides which will give additional space for both stacks and reading rooms. The stacks may also easily be extended by the removal of the back wall.

On the first floor have been placed the rooms most used, to which access should be as quick and as informal as possible. On the left of the main entrance is the room for assigned or required reading. In this room are stacks for about 10,000 books to which

definite assignments for study are made by various instructors.

On the right of the main entrance is the room for periodicals and newspapers. The library receives about 3,000 serial publications. Unbound numbers of these periodicals and society transactions are arranged on attractive adjustable shelves, especially designed so that the covers of the magazine can be seen without removal from the shelves. Periodicals are



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MAIN READING ROOM

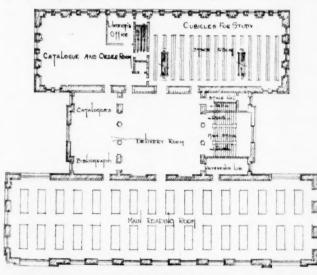
grouped by subjects such as business, psychology, religion, medicine, etc. This arrangement naturally encourages the students to familiarize themselves with all magazines published on any subject in which they may be interested whether for study or for recreation. Unbound research magazines are kept mainly in the stacks.

On the second floor, extending along the whole front of the building, is the main reading room. This room will accommodate four hundred readers and 18,000 volumes. Dictionaries, encyclopedias, agricultural magazine

indexes, readers' guides, etc., have been taken out of the main reading room and placed in the bibliographical room which adjoins the delivery, reference, and work rooms. The public catalog is also located here, being easily accessible to the catalog department of the library as well as to the general reference room and the delivery desk. This arrangement saves the necessity of an official catalog for the staff, and has proved very successful. The location of the assigned reading and periodical rooms near the entrance has made possible the reservation of

the reference room for serious study with an atmosphere of quiet. In the basement of the rear section are placed the order room, unpacking room, storage room, etc., with a driveway back of the build-

On the third floor over the work rooms are seminar rooms for graduate students. The two stack staircases shown in the plans have been reduced to one, located almost directly behind the delivery desk. The delivery room on the second floor contains display cases for new books, shelves for a small browsing collection of fiction, and a few shelves for books for special exhibit purposes. The stacks are behind the delivery desk and etxend from the basement to the top of the building, seven tier levels altogether.



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For graduate students and research workers sixty compartments or cubicles are provided between the stacks and the windows which will permit immediate access to the books on the subjects under examination.

The reserve room which accommodates two hundred readers is still insufficient for our needs. However, students may take their reserve books to either the periodical room on the opposite side of the hall or to the main reference room on the floor above. Up to the present time this arrangement has proved satisfactory. It may be necessary sometime, in the future, to shift the periodicals to the main reference room and to use the two reading rooms on the ground floor for assigned reading.

The faculty reading room is available for meetings of organizations and for exhibits. It will accommodate about 200.

The building is finished on the first and third floors with oak and on the second floor with walnut. The main corridors are lined with Mankato stone, which lends itself to harmonious blending with the woodwork. There are no table lights in the building. The overhead lighting so far has proved successful, but provisions are made for table lights if they prove necessary in the future. The cost of the building, including equipment, was about \$700,000. Building in Ames, however, is much less expensive than in Eastern cities, and even at Ames it would be impossible to duplicate the building today for this amount. At present the building is proving entirely satisfactory. It is probable that our first needs will be more stack space and more seminar rooms. The possibility of enlargement on three different sides, however, would seem to be sufficient to take care of any future emergencies. The building is considered one of the most beautiful on the campus and has attracted many visitors from outside of Ames who are interested in the architectural aspects.

CHARLES HARVEY BROWN, Librarian.

#### Motion Pictures Based on Literature

SELECTED BY THE NATIONAL BOARD OF REVIEW

Baree, Son of Kazan. Vitagraph. 7 reels. Star: Anita Stewart. Dog avenges a murder; from the novel by James Oliver Curwood (Grosset).

Beggar on Horseback. Famous Players-Lasky. 8 reels. Stars: Edward Everett Horton and all-star. Fantastic satire on Philistinism and big business; from the play by George S. Kaufman and Marc Connelly (Liveright).

CHARMER, THE. Famous Players-Lasky. 7 reels. Star: Pola Negri. Spanish dancer comes to America to make her fortune; from Henry Baerlein's novel "Mariposa" (Harper).

Eve's Secret. Famous Players-Lasky. 7 reels. Stars: Betty Compson, Jack Holt. Shoemaker's daughter is educated to be a great lady; from Elsie Ferguson's recent stage play, "Moonflower," from the Hungarian of Lajos Biro.

Eve's LOVER. Warner. 7 reels. Stars: Irene Rich, Bert Lytell. Wealthy business woman is duped into marrying a nobleman; from the novel by Mrs. W. R. Clifford (Scribner).

FOOL, THE. Fox. 10 reels. Star: Edmund Lowe. Minister tries to lead life of modern Christ; from the play by Channing Pollock (Brentano's).

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FRIENDLY ENEMIES. Producers' Distributing Corporation. 7 reels. Stars: Joe Weber and Lew Fields. Story of German-Americans during war; from the play by Samuel Shipman and Aaron Hoffman (French).

HIS SUPREME MOMENT. First National. 8 reels. Stars: Blanche Sweet, Ronald Colman. Young mining engineer loves a dancer; from May Edginton's "World With End."

MADAME SANS-GENE. Famous Players-Lasky. 10 reels. Star: Gloria Swanson. Difficulties of a titled washerwoman at the court of Napoleon; from the play by Victorien Sardou (French).

MIRACLE OF THE WOLVES, THE. 220 West 42nd St., New York: Franco-American, 8 reels. Romance of period of Louis XI and Charles the Bold; from the novel by Henri Dupuy-Mazuel (Paris: Michel).

My Son. First National. 7 reels. Stars: Alla Nazimova, Jack Pickford. Portuguese mother uses drastic means to save her son from siren; from the play by Martha Stanley.

by Martha Starley.

Night Club, The. Famous Players-Lasky. 6 reels.

Star: Raymond Griffith. Young man attempts to avoid matrimony after being jilted once; from the play "After Five" by William and Cool De Will.

play, "After Five," by William and Cecil De Mille.
PRIVATE AFFAIRS. Producers Distributing Corporation.
6 reels. Star: Gladys Hulette. Humor and romance of village life; from George Pattullo's story. "The Ledger of Life," in the Saturday Evening Post for March 4, 1922.

PROUD FLESH. Metro-Goldwyn. 7 reels. Stars: Eleanor Boardman, Pat O'Malley, Harrison Ford. Haughty San Francisco girl is wooed by a contracting plumber; from the novel by Lawrence Rising (Liveright).

RAINBOW TRAIL, THE. Fox. 6 reels. Star: Tom Mix. Adventures with a renegade gang in the West; from the novel by Zane Grey (Harper's).

She-Wolves, Fox. 6 reels, Stars: Alma Rubens, Jack Mulhall. Lucien learns to act like a man of the world for his wife's benefit; from the play, "The Man in Evening Clothes" by Seymour Hicks.

Siege. Universal. 7 reels. Stars: Virginia Valli,

SIEGE. Universal. 7 reels. Stars: Virginia Valli, Eugene O'Brien. Modern girl marries into strict oldfashioned family; from the novel by Samuel Hopkins Adams (Liveright).

Tides of Passion. Vitagraph. 7 reels. Stars: Made Marsh, Earl Schenck, Ben Hendricks. Love of woman triumphs over cruelty and jealousy; from Basil King's novel "In the Garden of Charity." (Harper).

Welcome Home. Famous Players-Lasky. 6 reels. Stars: Lois Wilson, Warner Baxter, Luke Cosgrave. Trials of young couple with the husband's father who comes to live with them; based on Edna Ferber's short story and play, "Old Man Minick" (Doubleday).

WHITE FANG. F. B. O. 6 reels. Star: "Strongheart."
Drama of Northwest featuring an unusual dog; from
the novel by Jack London (Macmillan).

Wizard of Oz, The. Chadwick. 7 reels. Star: Larry Semon. Slapstick farce based on L. Frank Baum's fantastic stories (Bobbs).

## Training for Medical Librarianship\*

By JAMES F. BALLARD, Librarian, Boston Medical Library

THE matter of post-graduate instruction in advanced library science has been thoroly discussed in the Williamson report and by the A.L.A. Board of Education for Librarianship. Here I present a condensation of my personal opinion regarding medical library training with the hope it will provoke discussion.

The Medical Library is characterized by its highly specialized literature, largely in foreign languages. The first essential difference, then, between the general reference library and the medical library, is in the field of bibliography and research where will be found a complete system of reference sources new to the general reference worker. In the domain of library technique and methods the important differences are to be found in the classification and in the subject heading schedules.

Except for these two very important divisions the knowledge attained in any good library school may be applied with success. It is immaterial which technical methods or systems are used so long as they are satisfactory and meet the requirements of good service at the lowest cost compatible with such service.

Medical libraries may be divided into groups according to their affiliations and the bibliographical requirements of each group may differ in some degree. The technical problems will remain unchanged. They may again be divided into large and small libraries, where the technical and bibliographical situation will be the same, but where the administrative problems are quite different. Theoretically any medical library should be prepared to receive, care for and make thoroly available all material coming into its possession, and its department of bibliography and research should be competent to carry out this requirement.

Unfortunately the small, undermanned library predominates and presents the greatest problem for consideration. This small library is essentially a one-man proposition and even when employing a number of assistants works as a unit. Its librarian must be a specialist in many fields, possessing more than the average knowledge of many subjects and have considerable administrative and executive ability.

In the large library, which can be divided into departments the director should have administrative and executive ability in a high degree. He need not be a specialist in many fields but should have sufficient knowledge and

acquaintance with all branches to be able to check the work of his department heads.

In my opinion it is not necessary for a medical librarian to be a physician; at times it is a serious handicap. The average physician is not an executive or administrator. The head of the reference and research department may be a physician to the advantage of the position, provided he has all the other necessary qualifications.

If care is used in the preliminary selection of suitable candidates for library work the result will be reflected in a decreased labor turn-over and increased library efficiency. The practice common in medical libraries of employing persons without particular consideration of their special qualities and abilities and then endeavoring to place them where they may best be useful is not in accord with modern standards of efficiency and is detrimental to the interests of the libraries.

The qualities essential for a medical librarian can be divided into three groups, which may be designated as personal, natural and acquired.

In the first group may be mentioned, pleasing personality, natural courtesy and tact, all necessary for persons who may be called on to meet a critical clientèle.

The natural qualities desirable are: Good memory, well balanced judgment, language sense or natural ability in languages, book sense, initiative, assimilative power, versatility, executive ability, and administrative ability. Acquired abilities: Thoro acquaintance with and knowledge of modern library administration, methods, and technique. Extensive but superficial knowledge of medicine, allied and collateral sciences.

Thoro knowledge of medical bibliography and of general and average prices of medical and scientific books and serials, and of special library methods and technique as used in medical libraries.

The minimum requirements for beginners in the medical library field should be the personal qualities mentioned combined with a good memory and language sense, a high school education, during which the so-called academic course, with its Latin, modern foreign languages and science had been taken, and ability to type by the touch system. Having this foundation, the second group of qualities can be developed if present in the individual and training can be given in the subjects of the third group, in this way developing a staff within the organization.

<sup>\*</sup> Read at a meeting of the Medical Library Association, May 26, 1925.

For department heads and librarians college training is desirable, with at least one year in a library school, followed by one year of supervised post-graduate work.

This post-graduate course should be given in a large, modern, progressive medical library having the confidence of the medical libraries of the country, where most of the instruction would be in the form of demonstrations, actual work and observation.

The curriculum might include such subjects as: General bibliography, methods of research, medical bibliography, medical reference sources, standard texts, standard periodicals and serials, book selection, average and general prices, classification, subjects of particular interest not usually given in a library course.

Some method should be devised whereby a superficial knowledge of medicine in all its branches could be acquired by students preferably thru collateral reading.

There is need of a medical compend written especially for medical librarians and not for n.edical students.

#### Recent Activities of the Carnegie U. K. Trust

COMMUNITY Councils and Central Libraries Tor Students receive especial attention in the eleventh annual report of the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust. County libraries have already been exhaustively discussed in a separate publication, the *Proceedings* of the county library conference held in London last November, a summary of which appeared in the May 15th issue of the LIBRARY JOURNAL. Counties adopting the Public Libraries Acts since that time include the Soke of Peterborough, East Suffolk, and Monmouthshire. Grants made for county library schemes in 1924 amounted to £49,450.

Community Councils are not intended to take place of or to be a rival to official bodies, but to give support to the best elements in these bodies, and to help with voluntary assistance where public action is lethargic or needs to be supplemented in ways not provided for by existing legislation. Public opinion was concentrated in Hampshire, West Sussex, and Hertfordshire, which were at first refused grants by the Corporation because the respective county councils had failed to establish county library systems, with the result that the authorities have since adopted the Acts and the grants were made. In Cambridgeshire, a typical county, the voluntary organisations represented besides the University and statutory authorities include Women's Institutes, British Legion, Workers' Educational Association, Farmers' Union, Fruit-Growers' Association, Agricultural Workers'

Union, Nursing Association, Council of Musical Education, National Union of Teachers, Girl Guides, Boy Scouts, Red Cross, and Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. All adult education work in this county is directly correlated with the county library.

No grants are now being made for the erection of public libraries and outstanding promises of building grants will lapse unless definite action is taken by the end of 1925. Fifteen promises were outstanding at the beginning of the year. The Ministry of Health caused some concern last summer by requesting that all action should again be postponed in the interests of the Government Housing Programme, but agreed upon representation by the Trustees to sanction the more urgent cases, which proved to be those of York and Ilford. The Northern (Bulwell) Branch opened February 26, 1924. in Nottingham, is regarded as one of the bestdesigned among modern branch libraries. The plan and two photographs of the interior are reproduced in the report. The new Central Library at Ipswich was opened April 29th, and the corner-stone of the new Library at Airdrie was laid on July 4th.

Fuller development of the Central Library for Students as a national reserve from which urban, county and university librarians may borrow works for which the local demand is likely to be too small to justify their purchase has interested the Trustees, and they have decided to increase the grant for 1925 and the four succeeding years from one to three thousand pounds. Allotments have also been made to the Dunfermline and Dublin Central Libraries, partly to relieve the London Central Library, and partly to stimulate a keener interest in Scotland and Ireland.

Grants to the library portion of the proposed new Headquarters building of the London Y.W.C.A., conditional upon the raising of an adequate sum from other sources, and to the London Headquarters of the Y.M.C.A. for the setting-up of a nucleus library, are important among the miscellaneous gifts, and are in accord with the growing belief of the Trustees that carefully selected libraries in properly managed institutions may be the most hopeful medium thru which boys and girls, leaving school at the age of fourteen, and living in poor circumstances, may be trained to educate themselves. A small grant was similarly made to the Highway Clubs, which are doing remarkable pioneer work among adolescent boys and girls in the docks area of East London. An annual grant of £500 for three years, subject to satisfactory annual reports, was made to the Seafarers' Education Service and the British and Foreign Sailors' Society.

## On Blackmore and "Lorna Doone"

A SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY WITH BRIEF COMMENTS BY ERNEST BERNBAUM, PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

THE centenary of Richard Doddridge Blackmore (born June seventh, 1325) brings to the mind once again the absence of satisfactory reference lists upon him. It would be hard to name a novelist as distinguished and popular as the author of "Lorna Doone" about whom inquiries are so difficult to The notices in the Dictionary of satisfy. National Biography and the Encyclopaedia Britannica give no references, and the long lists of articles given in such places as the Reader's Guide contain much that is valueless. The really significant material is dispersed and difficult of access. I give below, out of over two hundred items examined in the British Museum and in large American libraries, those books and articles which have proved really valuable, starring the most important, and double-starring the indispensable. When, as is unfortunately often the case, the original item is out of print, I have indicated where quotations from it, or its main contents, might be found.

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The novels I have not listed, since that is adequately done in the Dictionary of National Biography. Their publisher is Sampson Low, Marston and Company. Next to "Lorna Doone, the best of them is "The Maid of Sker."

The order of arrangement under each topic is chronological. The topics are: I. Life and Personality; II. "Lorna Doone"; III. The Minor Novels; IV. Blackmore's Literary Traits in General.

I. LIFE AND PERSONALITY

Some of the best disclosures are found in American magazines; for the usually reticent Blackmore seems to have unbosomed himself in letters to Americans more freely than to his friends at home. These American letters were unfortunately not used by Mr. Stuart J. Reid, writer of the matter-of-fact notice in the D.N.B.

William Corner. Fact and fiction in "Perlycross." Critic. Dec. 22, 1894; 25: 429. Blackmore himself replied to this, in the Critic, Jan. 26, 1895; 26: 66. R. D. Blackmore. Preface of Tales from the telling

house, 1896. Reminiscence of boyhood on Exmoor.
Mr. R. D. Blackmore. Athenaeum, Jan. 27, 1900; no. 3770, p. 114.

Charles R. Ballard. Letter in the Literary World

(Boston), Feb. 3, 1900; 31: 42. Henry Turner Bailey. Two glimpses of Blackmore. Critic. March, 1900; 26: 220-226. Stuart J. Reid. Mr. Blackmore. Cornhill Magazine,

April, 1900; 81: 533.

\*R. W. Sawtell. The author of "Lorna Doone." Review of Reviews (N. Y.), May, 1900; 21: 586-590. By a sympathetic Canadian, to whom the aged Blackmore was very communicative.

E. J. Newell. Mr. Blackmore and the Maid of Sker. Macmillan's Magazine, June, 1900; 82: 98-103. Only information on his youth in Wales.

\*Carolyn Shipman. Some letters of a novelist fruit-grower. Critic, July, 1900; 37: 68-71. Letters to Charles R. Ballard of Middleton Springs, Vermont.

\* Stuart J. Reid. In Dictionary of National Biography, first supplement, 1901; pp. 207-210. By a competent publicist, who knew him during his last ten years. But see the note at the head of this section.

Anon. [G. H. Putnam]. Blackmore and "Lorna Doone," in the Critic, Oct., 1901; 39: 307-308. On

booke, in the Critic, Oct., 1901; 39: 307-308. On the publication of American editions.

\* Mrs. Lucy Derby Fuller, ed. Letters of Richard Doddridge Blackmore. Scribner's Magazine, Dec., 1902; 32: 661-665. Charmingly edited collection of significant letters.

R. D. Blackmore and his work. James Baker. Fortnightly Review, May, 1904; 81: 840-848. Later in his literary and biographical studies, 1908, pp. 24-54. Good on his habits and on his attitude towards his

\* Frederick John Snell. The Blackmore country, 1906. 288p. By an experienced litterateur. The best available substitute for the non-existing "Life and Works of Blackmore," containing much information on both those points. Arranged topographically, which makes it convenient for tourists but confusing to others.

William H. Rideing. Many celebrities and a few

others, 1912. pp. 306-315.

J. Henry Harper. The house of Harper, 1912;
pp. 384, 411, 421, 562.

T. Herbert Warren. Introduction to Lorna Doone.

World's Classics (Oxford). Based on personal acquaintance.

George Haven Putnam, Memories of a publisher: 1865-1915, 1915, p. 257. To be compared with no. 16 for light on the dealings of American publishers with Blackmore.

#### II. LORNA DOONE

There is no edition that is thoroly well edited: the best approach to one, Ward, below, is out of print.

A. Earlier Use of the Legends Used in Lorna Doone Thomas Henry Cooper. A guide containing a short historical sketch of Lynton and places adjacent. London and Barnstaple, 1853. The contents most London and Barnstaple, important are given in Ward.

James Payn. A dull day on Exmoor, 1856. Reprinted in people, places, and things, 1865. Parts of the Doone legend related in a half humorous tone. T. [i.e. George Tugwell]. Wanderings on Exmoor.

Fraser's Magazine, October, 1857; 56: 489-493. Ex-

tracts from this in nos. 32 and 35.

Anon. The Doones of Exmoor. Leisure Hour, Sept.-Oct., 1863, 12: 561 ff. A wretchedly written historical novel which gave Blackmore the idea of using the legends himself. A summary is given in Ward.

B. The Controversy: Is "Lorna Doone" Based on Historic Fact?

\* John \* John Roberts Chanter. Blackmore's "Lorna Doone." Western Antiquary, Feb., 1884; pp-t 12: 221-223. Partly in Rawle. A well-informed and judi-Blackmore's "Lorna cial verdict; much better than most of the later discussions.

John Lloyd Warden Page. An exploration of Exmoor, 1890; pp. 125-127. An early protest against too close identification of the localities.

Edwin John Rawle. Annals of the ancient royal forest of Exmoor, 1893; pp. 97-100. Doubts the existence of the Doones.

William Henry Thornton. Reminiscences and re-flections of an old west-country clergyman, Torquay, 1897, 99: vol. 2, 140, 164. A witness as to the currency

of Doone legends in the 1840's. Charles E. H. C. Healey. The history of part of West Somerset, 1901; pp. 395-396. Finds nothing in

\*\* Ida M. Browne ('Audrie Doon'). A short history of the original Doones of Exmoor: Their descent and reason of their exile, in the West Somerset Free Press, Oct. 12, 1901. Reprinted as pamphlet, 1901. Large extracts in Rawle. The author claimed descent from the Doones, and asserted that the information in her family history must have been known to Blackmore. This is the storm-center of the controversy.

Frederick John Snell. A book of Exmoor, 1903,

2nd ed. 1923; ch. iv. J. F. Chanter, R. D. Blackmore and Lorna Doone. An address delivered in June, 1903; in Transactions of the Devonshire Association. Strongest supporter, tho with reservations, of Miss Browne.

Sexagenarian [J. Charles Cox]. The Doone country. London Daily Chronicle, July 8, 1903. Vigorous protest against any scepticism as to historicity. Partly given in Ward and Rawle.

\*\* Edwin John Rawle. The Doones of Exmoor, 1903, 1903; 73 pp. The strongest argument against historicity, marred by some errors and vagaries.

J. Charles Cox. The Doones of Exmoor. Athenaeum,

Aug. 26, Sept. 9, and Sept. 16, 1905; nos. 4061, 4063, 4064, pp. 274, 337, 370. Attacks Rawle. See the latter's rejoinder, Sept. 9, no. 4063, pp. 336-337.

Next was published the book by F. J. Snell. The

Blackmore country, 1906, which gave both sides and was non-committal on most of the points at issue.

John Frederick Chanter. A history of the parishes of Lynton and Countisbury. Exeter, 1907. Not on the problem, but furnishes important information for its solution.

\*\* Henry Snowden Ward. Introduction to the Dooneland edition of Lorna Doone, March, 1908. The most elaborate edition. Attempted to settle the question by extensive inquiries in the region. Favorably inclined to Miss Brown. Out of print, but obtainable without much difficulty at second hand.

\* Henry Snowden Ward. The story of the Doones. Bookman (London), July, 1908; 34: 139-142.

Bookman (London), such statement of his conclusions, the history of the forest the Donnes, of Exmoor, 1911. Against the historicity of the Doones. Francis Gribble. The romance of the men of Devon. 1912; pp. 263-265. Popular treatment; non-committal statement of both sides.

R. Adelaide Witham. Introduction to Lorna Doone, On the whole the best edition for American schools, adapting literary appreciation, but marred by errors in the treatment of the problem of historicity. Favorable to Miss Brown.

#### III. MINOR NOVELS

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#### **Intelligence Tests for Librarians**

COMBINATION test for ascertaining the A intelligence and general qualifications of candidates for the position of senior library assistant in the circulation department of a library in which the duties of the position are fairly well defined has been drawn up by the Bureau of Public Personnel Administration of the Institute for Government Research, and a typical test appears in Public Personnel Studies for March (26 Jackson Place, Washington: 35c.). The tests are supposed to embody the best testing practise already developed by psychologists and are divided into two parts, the Army Alpha Intelligence Tests, and a library test prepared by the Bureau.

The army intelligence tests are not reproduced in the article, as they can be secured in printed form from the Bureau of Educational Measurements and Standards, State Normal School, Emporia, Kansas, for \$3 a hundred copies and smaller numbers at proportionate rates. Directions for giving and scoring the tests together with related data may be found in Yoakum and Yerkes' "Army Mental Tests" (Holt, \$1.50). The army tests do not purport to measure such traits as industry, initiative, tact, or personality. but do afford a reasonably reliable measure of what is designated by abstract intelligence. The Bureau recommends that any person who fails to make a score of at least 105 (the lower limit of the B rating) in the army alpha tests be eliminated from further consideration.

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The library tests published in this article were arrived at after considerable revision of preliminary tests given to a group of 27 individuals in the Public Library of the District of Columbia, 42 individuals in the Des Moines (Ia.) Public Library, five high school librarians in Des Moines, and 21 individuals in one of the classes in the Pratt Institute School of Library Science in Brooklyn. The individuals with whom the material was tried out included people engaged in library work in the various departments, librarians in supervisory positions, pages, bindery employees, those in the training class in a public library, and members of the class in a library school, most of them with some library experience but a few with no such experience. Altho a great deal of the work of standardization was actually accomplished by these tests it was not possible in the time available in preparing the tests to get reliable estimates of the ability of ihose taking the tests, nor to give the tests to enough individuals to establish satisfactory forms so that the scores can be interpreted accurately. To remedy both defects the Bureau of Public Personnel Administration will upon request supply the test material in mimeographed form to any librarian or other person who is willing to give the tests under standard conditions (as to time, directions, and the like) to all or part of the staff; it will rate the papers and will return the rated papers to the librarian for any use that may be made of them in view of the local situation. The Bureau will also co-operate with librarians in arriving at estimates, on a standard scale, of the ability of those who take the test. From time to time, as additional data are secured, the tables will be printed or mailed in mimeographed form to those interested, and the tests in standardized form will be published when the work of standardizing them is complete.

The result of the preliminary tests was not unexpected: the pages and bindery employees made low scores. The students in the library school, even tho they had completed only about two-thirds of the course, made relatively high scores; those who did not do well were short on knowledge of books and general information. Practically all those doing successful work in the circulation department were able to make high scores.

The typical test published in the present article begins with the army alpha intelligence tests and continues with a test in Library Science, a third in Book Knowledge, and a fourth in General Information. The test in library science contains several posers in library administration, such as: "A young college girl has sent for a book. The book arrives and is charged to her but she appears dissatisfied and

lingers at the desk. You should tell her that she has the book she asked for and request her to move on; ask her if that is not the book she wanted, and if it is not, offer to get the right one for her; ask her what she is waiting for; or pay no further attention to her and let her ask for what she wants."

#### Mr. Average Man Reads About Country Libraries

A REVIEW BY WILLIS H. KERR, LIBRARIAN, KELLOGG LIBRARY, KANSAS STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE, EMPORIA

In showing her book\* Miss Long has succeeded in showing the average reader that the genius of the county library really is book service to every citizen of the county. He will be interested enough to help put it across. She has succeeded also in telling the average librarian how to do it. The librarian will believe in the job. To accomplish both of these ends in one book of two hundred pages is an achievement.

I read the book as an average man, a business man. I had heard of "county" libraries, but didn't know how or why they should be. From the first two pages I felt that the idea "rang true." From the first illustration (countywide service at Durham, North Carolina) I saw it could be done, and so I read the second chapter and learned that in many states the county libraries really reach every corner of their respective territories. When I saw the California county librarian (chapter 3) riding the hills of the coast range, with an Indian guide, and carrying books in the saddle-bags, I said to myself, "Here is real book service, and the people evidently want it."

So I read on, noting that the legislation for county library service is fairly uniform and old enough to be sensible (chapter 4); and that these library folks have the good sense to survey the needs of a county (chapter 5) before trying to establish a county library and to my amazement I read in chapter 6 that they know how to put on a selling campaign. I concluded that I would like to have this Long lady or this Spaulding man or that Wheeler fellow do some publicity for me.

As a business man I was delighted with the analysis of budgets (chapter 7) and with the willingness of libraries to "pool" their resources, on occasion, by contract for service (chapter 8).

By this time, I was half inclined to be a librarian myself and apply my Rotary ideals of service and rural acquaintance. So I read on, at one sitting, and found that our city library,

County library service. By Harriet Catherine Long. Chicago.
 American Library Association. 1925. Cloth, \$1.75.

which I always point out with pride, could fit right in with county service (chapter 9); and I visioned what a real "headquarters" for the county the library might be (chapter 10). In chapter 11 I saw how far ahead of our Rotary rural dinners and picnics is the everyday natural contact of the county librarian and her staff (chapter 11); and I thought to myself that the bankers would have to hurry with their "branch" country banks if they are going to keep up with these county library branches and stations (chapter 12). When I read about the "brooder-house" branch and saw from the illustrations thru all these chapters that this book service is built "down to the ground" in expense and in practical appeal and in everyday usefulness. I was enthusiastic and would gladly have joined the county staff (chapter 13), especially if I could have been assigned to take the place of that custodian who complained that "these lumber jacks are reading so much that they have become darned nuisances.'

The book automobile (chapter 14) surprised me but commended itself to me. I was particularly taken with the sensible details regarding planning and building the truck. That idea of dividing the back door into two sections, the upper two-thirds lifting up as a protection from the sun, and the lower third terning down as a charging desk; and that suggestion to use green paint on the bookshelves as an effective background—well, I was almost incoherent with pride over the business sense and vision of my fellow librarians.

I had always supposed that the book collection of a county library (chapter 15) would be a few volumes on agriculture and a few old novels (pretty much what I used to think our city library was, until I found that advertising book and that book on mountain-climbing), but when I read those Wisconsin farm book-letters and that California oil story, I just gave up the ship and decided to become a county librarian, even if it should change my classification in

I liked the periodicals listed and the suggestions for their use and care (chapter 16), and was again agreeably surprised that librarians are so up-to-date and so free from red-tape in their methods and records (chapter 17). That "whereabouts" file is something I will tell my former business brethren about. And I found that the best business practice in shipping books (chapter 18) has nothing "on" the county librarians.

I have always wanted to visit the country schools with something worthwhile saying, and now I am going to take county library books to them (chapter 19) and get acquainted with those boys and girls and their teachers. That

will be fine! And the county farm agent will have no such opportunity for general contact in county-wide activities (chapter 20) as I will have as county librarian. He is all right, and I see how I can help him; but he can't have the fun of gathering up county history, of taking books to the jails (that story about "Hurrah! now we can read again" is a corker!), and of working with paroled children. And I would have sent a March's "Thesaurus" to that T. B. patient, for keeps.

O, I'll spread the news (chapter 21) all right! I'm a county librarian. I've got a man-sized job. I've got something the country wants. I know what I am doing and how to do it. And I'll keep on learning and making "country life a fuller joy." I'd like to meet that Ferguson chap whom Miss Long quotes so often and so aptly.

And what little I haven't learned from Miss Long's well-written, well-illustrated, and well-printed book, I'll get as I need from the items in that excellent bibliography (eight pages of it).

Thank you, Miss Long! Thank you, A.L.A.! You've given me a new vision of my job. And please ask every library everywhere to circulate this book among its thinking readers.

MR. AVERAGE MAN.

#### **Books for Sailors**

N partial accomplishment of the aim of the American Merchant Marine Library Association to establish Dispatch Offices at the principal United States ports some service is now being given at Fall River, New Orleans, Port Arthur, Galveston, Portland, and Seattle, with the help of steamship companies, local public libraries, and the Y. M. C. A. Ships of the United States Shipping Board and of contributing steamship companies which cannot be served directly by the existing Dispatch Offices are now being served in this way. Service is also given at London and Liverpool. During 1925 it is planned to open Dispatch Offices at New Orleans, Galveston, and Seattle. On the Atlantic Coast, the present offices are at Boston. New York, Philadelphia, and Baltimore; on the Pacific Coast, at San Francisco, and on the Great Lakes, at Sault Ste. Marie. A library furnished at one port is exchangeable for a new one at any A. M. M. L. A. Dispatch Office. Altho the year 1924 has been a year of depression in shipping the circulation of books was 182,000, an increase of one hundred per cent over the 91,000 volumes circulated in 1922. Including the Great Lakes service, over 1300 ships now receive libraries. Over 90,000 books are in use

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in the seagoing libraries on these ships at a given time. Coast Guard Cutters have been furnished with books for three years by the Boston and San Francisco Dispatch Offices. The Cutter Tampa and the Cutter Modoc on ice patrol off the Grand Banks of Newfoundland and the Cutter Bear in Alaskan waters have carried A. M. M. L. A. libraries.

The Association's report takes occasion to dispel some popular beliefs in regard to the United States Merchant Marine. The Merchant Marine does not largely consist of tied up Shipping Board vessels, the number of men employed is not insignificant, and the majority are not illiterate foreigners. Over fifty-six per cent of the men shipped and reshipped on American ships in 1924 were American citizens, according to the annual report of the United States Commissioner of Navigation for that year. A total of 242,076 officers and men, excluding masters, man the documented vessels of the United States. In the American Merchant Marine are

2,847 seagoing vessels of 1,000 tons or over, totaling 12,167,786 gross tons. The total Merchant Marine comprises 17,000,000 gross tons, as compared with Great Britain's total of 19,000,000 tons. If all the Shipping Board vessels and the vessels of the Great Lakes fleet were excluded from count, the American Merchant Marine would still be the second largest in the world.

A seaman from the S. S. Half Moon writes to a Dispatch Agent: "Sailors who, not many years ago, spent their moments of leisure spinning yarns about ghost-ships and telling stories of a decidedly immoral tone, use them, today, reading Emerson, Kipling, Wells, and others, and discussing the Einstein theory and the wonders of radio-activity." During the 1924 season on the Great Lakes 1,475 books were lent to individuals by special request, in addition to the libraries placed on board. The majority of these were technical books for study. Among books on marine engineering Dyson's "Practical Marine Engineering" led in popularity.

#### Chinese Librarians Welcome Dr. Bostwick



DOCTOR BOSTWICK ON HIS ARRIVAL AT SHANGHAI, APRIL 26, WAS CORDIALLY RECEIVED BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM FIFTEEN DIFFERENT PROVINCES GATHERED FOR THE PRELIMINARY MEETING FOR THE FORMATION OF A NATIONAL CHINESE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION. DR. BOSTWICK, REPRESENTING THE A. L. A., IS TO VISIT FOURTEEN CITIES ON THE INVITATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONFER WITH LEADING CHINESE LIBRARIANS AND OTHER EDUCATIONALISTS ON THE BEST USE OF THE MONEY AVAILABLE AS A RESULT OF THE PASSING OF THE CHINESE INDEMNITY BILL

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SHUT up the libraries!" This should be the consistent slogan of the folk who are responsible for the wave of bigotry which has found expression especially tho not solely in the states of the south thru their legislatures or educational authorities. Some time since, the Georgia legislature was reported in press dispatches to have "deferred appropriations" for the state library on the ground that books favoring evolution might find place there. The spirit of intolerance has been most manifest in the ranks of the Fundamentalists who have been warring upon Mr. Darwin and, within one of the denominations, on Dr. Fosdick. Just now it is centered in the remarkable trial which is to be held next month at Dayton, Tenn., on which the attention of the whole country is already focused. Dayton, Ohio, with its fine library facilities, would like to have it understood that Dayton, Tenn., is no relative! An immediate result of the controversy will of course be to increase the demand for books on evolution if the libraries are to be what they have been and what they always should be. When a Tennessee professor obeyed the law by announcing that his students would now take up chapter nine but would omit pages 173-9 and 184-7, the results were naturally not what the legislators intended. Such intolerance in what is mistakenly called the conflict of religion and science may spread to other fields, as in fact it did during the war, when the feeling against Germany extended even to the classics of German literature, without which the world would indeed be the poorer.

PENSIONS for the library staff should be kept well to the fore as a subject for most careful consideration by trustees and other authorities in the final development of our library system. Length of service seems to be a characteristic of the library profession, but there must come a time when those of longest service should be retired, and they should not be thrown upon a cold world without the resources which their devotion thru years of service has earned. Nevertheless, the problem is one of unusual difficulty, for most libraries depend upon too scanty appropriations, giving little, if any margin, to make provision for the There have been many mistakes in experimenting on pension methods, outside rather than within the library field, but in

developing a pension system adapted for libraries these should be carefully considered. The only practicable pension system is one which is worked out thru the co-operation of the library as such and the staff personnel, each contributing a share to the final result. On the part of the library, the fines will in many cases afford the basis for the library contribution. In any event, a pension system should be founded on the best actuarial figures available, lest the system break down, as has been too often the case in such experiments, at the critical time when it is most needed.

TO the library profession this subject is indeed so important that any wise contribution must be of interest. At the recent general assembly of the Presbyterian church Will H. Hays, former Postmaster General and now the central arbiter of the motion picture industry, presented as chairman of the laymen's committee a plan of which the pith is given elsewhere and which while not directly applicable for library use gives many useful suggestions and cautions. So far as progress has yet been made a pension system has seemed possible only in the larger libraries and in these there has been difficulty in providing the necessary funds for starting such a system in a way to be just to deserving beneficiaries before the system is financially under way. It is too much to hope in the present development of our library system that a national pension plan can be provided which will give small as well as large libraries the benefit of an adequate pension method, tho in the future it may be possible to build up an A. L. A. pension fund which would join with local libraries and with the individual librarians in sharing the cost of pensions. For the moment it is most important that the larger libraries which have pension systems in mind should work out their schemes on a thoroly sound actuarial basis so that the mistakes of the past which have wrecked many unsound pension systems elsewhere shall not be repeated in our own profession.

OKLAHOMA is so progressive a state that it sometimes has difficulty in keeping up with itself, and the measure for library certification passed at its recent legislative session sets a standard which few states are in shape to adopt. Hereafter no chief librarian can be appointed

in any important library without certification by the Oklahoma Library Commission, tho present incumbents are automatically to be given such certificates. There is always the danger that legislation of this character may prove premature when a state is not ready for its practical application. Let us hope nevertheless that the Oklahoma certification law may work out well in practice, and prove to other states that they may safely follow its example.

CHINA has given a fine welcome to Dr. Arthur E. Bostwick as the representative of the American Library Association and his mission is proving one of high service not merely in relation to the disposition of the Boxer indemnity balance when made available by the Chinese government but also in behalf of library development on a national scale within China itself and of international relations, library and otherwise. It is a happy coincidence that two

such educators as Professor Paul Munro and Professor Stephen P. Duggan are also in China on like missions, since from both of these scholars the library needs are likely to have full recognition. It may be emphasized on the authority of Congressman Linthicum, who fathered the bill, that the measure releasing the American claims for indemnity was meant to include library development as a major feature in relation with other educational work and he has testified specifically that the bill would have had little chance of passage had it not been for the extraordinary enterprise of Miss Mary Elizabeth Wood in acquainting every congressman with the reasons for, and merits of the proposal. It is gratifying indeed that Miss Wood's efforts have been thus recognized in her native land as well as in her adopted country where her service of twenty-five years has won for her an order of merit at the hands of the chief executive of the Chinese Republic.

#### LIBRARY ORGANIZATIONS

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COLLEGE LIBRARIANS

THE librarians of the colleges and universities of Southern California held their fifth meeting at Pasadena May 9th.

At the morning session, at the California Institute of Technology, Professor Clinton K. Judy, chairman of the Library Committee, gave an interesting talk on Irish literature. An informal round table followed with discussions on voluntary reading for students, closed vs. open shelves for reserved books, expenses of librarians to library meetings and student assistants. The librarians deplored the fact that the tendency of the professors in making lengthy assignments of collateral reading made it impossible for students to do any voluntary reading. The personality of the library assistants in making suggestions and encouraging students to read was emphasized as the most important factor toward voluntary reading.

In the afternoon the library of the Mt. Wilson Observatory was visited and Professor R. F. Sanford of the observatory staff gave an entertaining and instructive illustrated lecture on the work of the Observatory.

CHARLOTTE M. BROWN.

## HOOGHLY DISTRICT LIBRARY CONFERENCE.

THE Hooghly District Library Conference held its sittings at Bansberia, District Hooghly Bengal), March 28-29, under the presidency of Mr. T. C. Goswami, M.A. (Oxon), B.L., M.L.A. A library exhibition was also organized on the occasion which was opened by Mr. J. A. Chapman, librarian of the Imperial Library of Calcutta. The Conference was a remarkable success and largely attended by all distinguished men of the District.

Mr. Chapman in opening the Exhibition spoke interestingly on the Libraries in India and abroad and discussed the means of improving them. He emphasized the need of concerted action among the people as help from the Government was not to be counted upon. Mr. Chapman's speech roused a good deal of controversy in the Press. Several speakers followed Mr. Chapman and the question of library movement was completely thrashed out. Mr. Goswami in winding up the discussions on the second day pointed out how in Western countries libraries and other sister institutions thrive under government sympathy and help which in India was not to be expected from the bureaucratic government.

A resolution was adopted forming a Hoogly District Library Association with headquarters at the Bansberia Public Library. This association will make itself responsible for the organization and the circulation among local librarians of any literature, posters or other material which American libraries may be able to send.

M. RUDRA, Secretary.

#### NEW YORK REGIONAL CATALOG **GROUP**

THE New York Regional Catalog Group held its final meeting for the year 1924-25 on May 23, 1925, at the Brooklyn Botanic

The subjects for discussion were subject headings and expansion of the class 600, especially for business books. Miss Buchold of the Public Affairs Information service and Miss Dougan of the H. W. Wilson Company spoke on the first subject, and Miss Rankin of the Municipal Reference Library on the second.

Miss L. M. Keller of the reference catalog department of the New York Public Library was elected president and Bertha Bassam of the Columbia Library for secretary.

MARGARET ROYS, Secretary.

#### SPECIAL LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION OF BOSTON

FOLLOWING a supper at the Christopher Wren Tea Shop the annual meeting of the S.L.A. was held on May 25th in the Massachusetts State Library with an attendance of fifty-

three. The secretary reported seven regular meetings held during the year and one joint meeting with the Massachusetts Library Club. with an average attendance of 50. Affiliation with the national S.L.A. was made in October. The membership list published in February showed a membership of 186. The Registration Committee reported the filling of two permanent and three temporary positions. The advantage possessed by a "stenographer-librarian" over one lacking knowledge of stenography was emphasized. The Education Committee reported that the training class, conducted by the President, had held twelve meetings of one hour each, the aim of the course being to give a survey of the library profession. A third edition of the "Directory of Special Libraries in Boston and Vicinity" recently appeared.

Officers for 1925-26: President, William Alcott, librarian of the Boston Globe Library; vice-president, Margaret Withington, Social Service Library; secretary, Miss Alice L. Hopkins, Simmons College Library; treasurer, Frederick A. Mooney, Dennison Manufacturing

Company Library.

#### IN THE LIBRARY WORLD

#### MASSACHUSETTS

The Committee on Libraries of the Woman's Education Association reports the circulation of 98 libraries containing 3,825 books in 1924, making 111 visits to 92 towns and villages. The circulation of 87 of these libraries was 9,688. The secretary, Alice G. Chandler, who has carried on the work of sending out the traveling libraries almost single-handed for thirty years, now feels that she must give it up. It is hoped that the State Commissioners will continue the work. Miss Chandler will continue other activities most of which were originated by her-the travelling pictures, the Audubon libraries, and the distribution of books and magazines given, and, with the co-operation of the Committee, the publication of the semi-annual lists of "New Books, Recommended for Purchase by Small Libraries.

#### NEW JERSEY

Newark. The new Newark Museum building, erected at a cost of \$650,000, was presented to the city by its donor, Louis Bamberger, on May 14th, when he laid the corner stone and made an address of presentation. The building covers an area of 21,000 square feet of a two-acre plot at Washington Street and Washington Place. It is constructed largely of steel, concrete and

brick with a facade of Deer Island granite and Indiana limestone, and has a total floor space of 65,000 square feet. Mr. Bamberger has been active in the work of the Museum Association either as a trustee or official since its organization in 1909.

#### PENNSYLVANIA

Altoona. The Pennsylvania Railroad has presented the extensive library of the Altoona Mechanics' Library and Reading Room Association to the Altoona school district for the benefit of the people of the city. It was organized in 1858 and chartered in 1860 and now has nearly 70,000 volumes. The library is to be removed from its present quarters in the old First Presbyterian Church to the Junior High School building, and will probably eventually be housed in the contemplated addition to the present high school building.

Bloomsburg. On May 28 the cornerstone of the new building of the Bloomsburg Public Library was laid. A copper box placed in the cornerstone contained the earliest records of the library, the list of library officers, the list of sustaining members, the names of the officers and workers in the library drive, and a list of contributors to the fund.

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#### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Only adult readers, including high school students, are for the present to be served at the new Mount Pleasant Branch Library of the Public Library of the District of Columbia, which was opened at Sixteenth and Lamont Streets Northwest on the evening of May 15th. The main floor alone is to be opened. Service for children will be promptly undertaken if the work for adults proves less than is at present anticipated. The primary collection of about 11,000 volumes and 100 magazines will be rapidly increased, since Congress has appropriated for stocking this branch \$15,000 for the present fiscal year and \$25,000 for the coming fiscal year. The building was erected from the Carnegie Corporation allotment of \$200,000 on a site purchased with the appropriation of \$25,000 made by Congress in 1923 for that pur-Edward L. Tilton is the architect; the metal stacks were erected by Snead and Company; and the technical library furniture was supplied by the Library Bureau.

#### WEST VIRGINIA

Charleston. A prison library for the Kanawha County jail has progressed to the point of acquiring bookcases purchased by the county court for each floor of the jail. Citizens are now being asked to contribute books from a selected list to fill them.

#### NORTH CAROLINA

Under the provisions of a state-wide act recently passed by the General Assembly of North Carolina it is now a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than fifty dollars or imprisonment for thirty days to "willfully or maliciously" fail to return "any book, newspaper, magazine, pamphlet or manuscript belonging to any public library" for fifteen days after mailing or delivery in person of notice in writing from the librarian, provided such notice bears upon its face a copy of the law. Two local laws were also passed, one giving the county commissioners of Wilson County authority to set aside suitable space in the courthouse for a county library, and another authorizing the county commissioners of Roman County to appropriate the sum of \$150 per month to the maintenance of the Roman County Public Library, situated in Salisbury. This law differs from the state-wide law in that it specifies the amount to be appropriated.

#### **FLORIDA**

Gainesville. The new library building of the University of Florida was recently completed at a cost of \$100,000, the sum appropriated by the state legislature. It is 168 feet long, 46 feet

wide and three stories high, altho only two floors are used. The second floor has the height of two stories. Not all furniture and equipment has been received, but the library is expected to be in working order by September.

#### ILLINOIS

Companion bills intended to make it possible for a municipality to continue to maintain and administer its present public library and yet permit the rest of the county to establish a county library system have been introduced into the state legislature of Illinois. They were prepared by the Illinois Library Association. H. B. 311 amends the county library act and states that when a county library shall be established, if there is an existing library within the county, the county treasurer shall pay back to that library the amount which that municipality contributed to the county library fund. It also states more definitely that the library board shall have the same control of the library appropriation that the city library directors have. A clause has been added to make the county library act apply only to counties having less than 300,000 population. H. B. 312 amends the city, village and township library act and makes it possible for a library in a county which shall establish a county library system to levy a tax not to exceed the difference between the maximum library rate and the refund from the county treasurer.

At the request of the Chicago Public Library a bill has been introduced into the senate which will provide an increase in the library tax rate for cities over 100,000 population from .8 mills to 1 mill, and an additional two-tenths of a mill for the purchase of sites and buildings and for the construction and equipment of buildings for library purposes.

#### **OKLAHOMA**

An act for the certification of librarians has been passed. The provisions are:

Sec. 1. The proper officials in control of every free public library, state school library and Public school library maintained by cities of the first class, shall appoint and employ a competent and suitable person to serve as head librarian therein, who shall be responsible for the duties involved in the office; provided, that after the passage of this Act no vacancies existing or occurring in the position of head librarian in such libraries shall be filled by appointment or designation of any person who is not in possession of a library certificate issued under the authority of this Act.

Sec. 2. The Oklahoma Library Commission shall constitute a Board of Library Examiners who shall act without pay and who shall issue librarians certificates under reasonable rules and regulations to be promulgated by the board and a complete record of the transactions of said board shall be kept at all times.

Sec. 3. Upon the submission of satisfactory evidence that no qualified librarian is available for appointment, a temporary certificate, valid for one year, may be issued upon written application of the library board. Said certificates shall not be renewed or extended and shall not be valid beyond the date for which it is issued. The provisions of this Act shall not be construed to affect any librarian at this time in his or her position. Such librarians as are now acting shall be entitled to receive a certificate in accordance with positions now held without an examination, and such certificate so issued shall be a life certificate.

Sec. 4. All Acts and parts of Acts in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed. Sec. 5. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this Act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

#### MINNESOTA

The primary function of the Library Division of the Minnesota State Department of Education is the supervision and aid of public school libraries, so that especial emphasis is laid on this work during 1923-24 in the Division's third biennial report. The Division also continues advisory and instructional work for public libraries and the operation of the traveling and reference library formerly carried on by the Public Library Commission, whose functions, powers and duties were vested in the Board of Education by the laws of 1919.

With the development of the junior high school has come the library designed to serve this type of school. Separate libraries for junior high schools are established in Minneapolis, Duluth, Hibbing, Mankato, Eveleth and St. Paul, altho the usual custom is to serve junior and senior high schools in the same li-brary as in Rochester. The Minneapolis Public Library has established a School Department with emphasis upon library instruction and has contracted with the school board to provide school libraries in all elementary and junior high schools. St. Paul has seventeen school stations under a School Division. Fifty-two school districts have executed contracts or less formal agreements between school and library boards to give more efficient service. Progress in the rural school libraries has been marked. Minnesota has 144 school librarians with some library training. Of the 69 doing full-time

work, 41 are in the smaller cities. The other 75 are part-time librarians. Six places have been added to the list of those employing full-time school librarians. The amount of library aid distributed increased \$16,958, the total for the biennium 1921-1922 being \$67,996, and for 1923-24, \$84,954.

So far as reports are obtainable, the total number of public libraries in the state is 150. Of these 117 are maintained by the municipality with tax support and 33 are supported by library associations, civic leagues, community clubs or women's clubs. Only six places of over 2,500 (those which the United States census classifies as urban) are without public libraries, while nearly two-thirds of the public libraries, while nearly two-thirds of the public libraries in the state are in so-called rural communities. The county library plan has been developed in nine Minnesota counties. Hennepin County is the only one levying the one mill tax authorized by law, the others making annual appropriations.

Active stations to which traveling libraries are sent number 625. A circulation of 42,827 volumes was attained thru the 636 traveling libraries in 1922-24. With club libraries and reference books added, the total circulation reached 57,339 volumes.

#### **ONTARIO**

Retiring from his quarter-century incumbency of the secretaryship of the Ontario Library Association to become president of the Association in 1925-26, E. A. Hardy in his annual report looks back to the first meeting of the Association on Easter Monday, 1901, when he presented a paper with the title "An Outline Programme of the Work of the Ontario Library Association." Almost everything suggested in the seven sub-divisions of the first section in the way of assistance to libraries has been effected by the Association,—the selection of books by quarterly bulletins and special bibliographies. the introduction of modern library methods. scientific classification and cataloging, the training of librarians by a library school, study courses, etc., the use and collection of periodicals, co-operation thru interloans, and treatment of public documents. An historical volume soon to be published will contain a concise statement of the history of the Association year by year, pointing out the part played by it in the library development of the province. It will be limited to one thousand copies to be distributed to each of the public libraries in Ontario, to the chief public libraries in the provinces of Canada, to each of the universities of Canada, and to a selected list of libraries. newspapers, and periodicals, in Great Britain and the United States.

#### THE OPEN ROUND TABLE

## ECONOMY IN HANDLING MAGAZINE FILES

To the Editor of the LIBRARY JOURNAL:

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For the information of librarians interested in the plan for duplicating and binding periodicals, as outlined in the JOURNAL of April 15, here are a few additional facts and answers to several questions that have been raised by interested librarians and others.

Since publishing the first list, I have received prices on other magazines and on binding that may be of interest, so the list as it now stands

15.	Binding cost Regular rate	Cost of dupl cate and binding
American City	\$2.70	\$4.80
American Journal of Sociology		3.80
Annals of American Academy.		5.40
Breeders' Gazette		2.30
Century		5.64
Country Gentleman		2.55
Current History		4.20
Forum		4.30
Industrial Management		3.60
Independent		6.60
Nation		5.35
New Republic		6.60
Review of Reviews		3.90
Scribner's Magazine		4.30
Survey		5.55
Yale Review		2.90
Total for 35 volumes	. \$53.65	\$71.79

The Breeders' Gazette and Country Gentleman will not be selected by small public libraries, but as many of the larger libraries bind them, I have included them in the list. In this connection, let me say that the magazines with a low subscription rate are worth considering, as 141 with rates of \$2 or less, and 275 of \$3 or less are listed in the Wilson indexes. As with the Breeders' Gazette, many of these magazines are not kept by the smaller libraries, but many of the larger libraries find it desirable to preserve all journals listed in the magazine indexes.

The above is not a complete list of the magazines to be included but gives those on which the publishers have already allowed a substantial discount. I have written to eight other publishers. Two have not replied, one refused to give special price, and five gave a discount of fifty cents each. I have not included them in the list as I think a better discount can be secured. The average discount allowed on the above subscriptions is about thirty-three per cent of the regular price and about twenty-five per cent of subscription agency prices.

The prices on binding are from a reliable library binder, and it is to be done by A. L. A. binding specifications. The regular rate of this firm on ten inch binding is \$1.35, twelve inch \$1.60, fourteen inch \$1.90, and sixteen inch \$2.25. For binding under co-operative plan they have quoted a flat rate of ninety cents on the basis of one thousand volumes annually, to be bound uniformly. This is a discount of from 33 1-3 per cent on ten inch binding to 60 per cent on sixteen inch, or more than 40 per cent on the above list.

James R. Gulledge, Librarian, North Carolina State College of Agr. and Eng., Raleigh, N. C.

#### THE LIBRARY SURVEY

To the Editor of the LIBRARY JOURNAL:

It is disappointing to find, on the first of June, that it would be as easy to list the large libraries which have returned the Questionnaire as to list those which have not. An inventory just taken reveals the following facts:

Among public libraries of more than 100,000 volumes, 37 have sent their replies, and 36 have

Among public libraries of between 50,000 and 100,000 volumes, 45 have sent their replies, and 50 have not.

Among college and university libraries of more than 50,000 volumes, 61 have sent their replies, and 42 have not.

In other words, we have heard from about fifty-two per cent of all the libraries of more than 50,000 volumes. That is not enough to make the survey a success. We need just as many as possible of the remaining forty-eight per cent, and we need them as quickly as possible. Work on the preparation of the report must be begun immediately, and it will be exceedingly difficult to do justice to replies which come late in the summer, or sometime next fall or winter.

Altho the college libraries have a slightly better percentage than the public libraries, the situation is no better, for the whole number is smaller, and many of the topics of special interest to the college and university present greater difficulties in treatment.

It is hoped that an inventory taken July 1 will show a decided improvement.

C. SEYMOUR THOMPSON, Director. 1106 Union Boulevard St. Louis, Mo.

#### AMONG LIBRARIANS

ELY, Margaret E., 1915 Wisconsin, librarian of Central High School Library, Tulsa, Okla., appointed instructor in cataloging for the summer session of Creighton University, Omaha.

GAGE, Laura Jane, 1915 Wisconsin, has been organizing the library of the Central Trust Co.,

Chicago.

Estes, Grace W., 1916 Wis., went to the Springfield (Ohio) P. L., in April as head of the reference and circulation department. She had been in charge of the traveling libraries of Minnesota.

GILPIN, Margaret, 1917 Wis., was married on April 10, to Mr. Carl Hedlund. Their new

home is in Racine.

Gracie, Helen B., 1900 New York State, head of the Order Department of the Seattle Public Library since 1909, died in Seattle, May 18th, after an illness of three months. Miss Gracie had wide experience as an order librarian, having been connected with the order departments of the Carnegie Library, Pittsburgh, and the University of Illinois Library before going to Seattle. She was active in the professional interests of the Northwest and gave valuable committee service to the P. N. L. A.

Kelly, Gertrude, 1918 Wis., was transferred by the Federal Civil Service from the library department of the Canal Zone to the library staff at Great Lakes Naval Training Station, Ill.,

during the winter.

KING, Agnes, 1914 Wisconsin, will teach cataloging and children's work at the University

of Illinois library summer school.

Law, Marie Hamilton, 1911 Pittsburgh, appointed vice-director of the Drexel Institute School of Library Science. Miss Law has been instructor in the Drexel Library School since its reorganization and was formerly assistant to the principal of the Carnegie Library School at Pittsburgh.

MacQuigg, Kate Meade (Mrs. W. H. MacQuigg) transferred from U. S. Hospital 80, Fort Lyon, Colorado, to U. S. Hospital 42, Perry

Point, Maryland.

Morey, Jane, 1921 Pratt, In. of the Sedalia (Mo.) P. L., appointed secretary of the Missouri

Library Commission.

SEAVER, William N., who resigned from Woburn to become assistant librarian at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology has now been made librarian in succession of Dr. Bigelow who has fulfilled his long expressed desire to retire to concentrate himself on the work of his professional chair.

Speck, Mrs. Laura, in charge of the information desk at the Central Building of the St. Louis Public Library died May 13. Mrs. Speck joined the staff of the Public Library in November, 1893, and served as the library hostess, altho she was not known under that title. At that time a hostess was a new feature in libraries and at the 1898 Conference of the A.L.A. Mrs. Speck gave a paper describing her work. She was on the Honor Roll of Attendance of the Association, having been present at 12 conferences.

STOCKETT, Julia C., 1914 Wisconsin, is assisting temporarily in the Wisconsin Library

School.

TREMBLE, Olive B., 1923 Wisconsin, reference librarian at the Seward Park Branch, New York Public Library, since her graduation, resigned in January to become reference librarian in the City Library of Sacramento.

WRIGHT, Ruth M., 1903 Pratt, head of the school and children's department of the Newark (N. J.) Free P. L., appointed reference In. of

the Hill Library, St. Paul, Minn.

WURTS, Elizabeth R., 1922 Pratt, librarian of the Elmwood Branch of the East Orange Public Library, has been made librarian of the new Ocean County Library, Toms River, N. J.

Appointment of members of the Drexel Institute School of Library Science Class of 1925 include: Jean Allen, State Library, Harrisburg, Pa.; Julia Maria Carney, librarian of St. Joseph's College, Emmitsburg, Md.; Helen C. Chadwick, asst. In., New Britain (Conn.) P. L.; Virginia Coleman, asst., Swarthmore College L.; Margaret Kehl, asst. in charge of the Technology Department, Trenton (N. J.) P. L.; Margaret J. Kiser, asst., Carnegie L., Pittsburgh; Elizabeth Stein, asst. at the University of Delaware College L., Newark, Dela.

Members of the class of 1925 of the Pratt Institute School of Library Science have been placed as follows: Katherine Abbott, head cataloger, University of Cincinnati; Anne Goodloe Browne, asst. cataloger, University of North Carolina; Louise Butler, asst. children's ln., Dayton (O.) P. L.; Rosamond Cruikshank, asst., Pratt Institute Free L.; J. Doris Dart, cataloger, Henry L. Doherty Company, New York; Dorothy L. Hull, reference asst., New York P. L.; Isabel Jackson, asst., New York P. L.; Catharine L. Johnson, catalog asst., Gary, Ind., P. L.; Bertha A. Logan, asst. in charge of branch, Providence (R. I.) P. L.; Florence

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Appointments of members of classes receiving credentials June, 1925 (including persons returning to former positions) are: Seniors: Marcelle Frebault, acting first assistant, Art Department, Newark P. L.; Mary E. Jones, asst. In., Washington State Normal School, Ellensburg; Zona Peek, In., Sul Ross State Teachers College, Alpine, Texas. Juniors: Esther Barag, asst., circulation department, New York P. L.; Dorothy Berryman, asst., Cleveland P. L.; Emma M. Buffa, asst., Reference cataloging Division, N. Y. P. L.; Elizabeth Dafoe, asst., University of Manitoba L., Winnipeg; Anne H. Denny, asst., Technology Division, N. Y. P. L.; Mrs. Dorothy W. Deyo, asst., circulation department, N. Y. P. L.; Dorothy A. Doerr, In., Salisbury (Md.) State Normal School; Jessie E. Foster, asst., San Bernardino (Cal.) County L.; Maud Grogan, asst., Duluth (Minn.) P. L.; Nellie Higgins, In., High School, Denver, Colo.; May B. Leonard, asst., Morristown (N. J.) L.; Grace E. Manee, asst., Minneapolis P. L.; Helen A. Masten, asst., circulation department, N. Y. P. L.; Edna L. Michaelsen, asst., Spokane (Wash.) P. L.; Mrs. Hazel D. Moses, reviser, Library School of the N. Y. P. L.; Marian Nichols, Sarah W. Parsons, and Lillian M. Speer, asst., circulation department, N. Y. P. L.; Margaret L. Stearns, asst., Quincy (Mass.) P. L.; Ermine Stone, ln., Bradford Academy, Bradford, Mass.; Margaret B. Thompson, asst., Quincy (Mass.) P. L.; Marian M. Wilkinson, asst., Reference Cataloging Division, N. Y. P. L.

Positions of members of the 1925 class of the Simmons College School of Library Science are: Katherine Adams, cataloger in the Hispanic Society of American L., New York; Sadie Archer returns to the Princeton (Ind.) P. L.; Anna Bookhout joints the staff of the Albany Public Library; Sarah Colley will catalog in the Dartmouth College L., Maude Ellwood at Ohio State University, and Mae Litzenberger at Bryn Mawr; Gladys Graves goes to the Clemson College L.; Charlotte Hibbs will be reviser and assistant in the Simmons College School of Library Science; Helen Krouse will catalog in Case Library, Cleveland; Helen Kirwin will be in the reference catalog department of the New York P. L., and Hazel Whitworth in the Frick

Art Library; Ruth Jones is to be assistant in the Brooklyn P. L.; Elvira Bianchi combines work in the Millicent Library, and the High School Library at Fairhaven, Mass.; Esther Wiltsie will be librarian at the Emma Willard School, Troy, N. Y., and Martha Kirkpatrick a school librarian in Denver; Lois Howard, Helen Neighbors, Lucy Newell, enter children's work in the Detroit P. L., and Ruth Vanderpool in the Rochester P. L.; Annah Rhodes, on leave from the Lynn P. L., will have charge of their Houghton Branch.

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